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REMARKS

The original claims 1 through 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chen et al. (2005/0030038). Applicant respectfully cancels claims 1 through 30 and provides new claims 31 through 60.

Claims 31 through 60 more clearly address the invention disclosed and described in the present application. Publication 2005/0030038 fails to teach the novel sleeve assemblies claimed herein. Support for the claimed invention can be found with reference to Figures 5 through 7b and in paragraphs [0047] through [0057].

Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art fails to teach Applicant's invention as claimed. Applicant respectfully requests that the objections and rejections be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance be issued.

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